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in the central government of the is-
land. As to slavery the report says:
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to be solved by eloquent denunciation
of the system of slavery, nor by mere
declamation concerning the blessings
of liberty. Its proper solution demands
tactful methods which shall be at the
same just and practicable."
The report devotes much attention
to the advantages of the proposed coin-
age system based on the gold stand-
ard which differs from the silver sys-
tem proposed by the senate bill. As
against this plan the report says the
principal alternative plans presented
are for the introduction of American
currency as the sole legal tender of
the Philippines and the continuance in
one form or another of the silver
standard.

The report says that the strongest
objections to the introduction of
American currency are the changes it
would make in the existing standard
of value, excessive size of the unit
which it would introduce into the
transactions of the natives, and the
difficulty of maintaining a costly cur-
rency in a poor country.
The continuance of the silver stand-
ard in any form which does not raise
the coin to a fixed parity with gold is
pointed out to be subjected to the
same objections now made by the
business community of Manila against
the existing system. The islands have
had sufficient experience under such
a system says the report, to justify
the belief that they desire to return
to the gold standard which prevailed
in the islands prior to 1898.

The democrats filed a minority re-
port which amounts to a declaration
of policy on the Philippines. It says
in part:
"The chief question involved is
whether under the guise of the forms
of civil government a policy unjust
and cruel to the people of the Phil-
ippine islands and injurious and dis-
honoring to American citizenship shall
be definitely if not perpetually con-
tinued or there shall be substituted
in its stead a more righteous and hu-
mane policy, the intent and purpose
of which is to confer upon these
people with the shortest practicable
period and upon reasonable and proper
terms an autonomous system of free
self-government, based upon the prin-
ciple of independence, which, after
the lapse of a reasonable period to af-
ford training and experience, shall
eventually pass into unqualified and
absolute independence."

HANNA KEEPS RATHBONE.
A Washington dispatch to the New
York World, under date of April 7,
says: "Senator Hanna, if necessary,
will furnish \$100,000 bail for Estes G.
Rathbone, now in jail at Havana un-
der sentence of ten years' imprison-
ment for complicity in the Cuban postal
frauds. Senator Hanna firmly be-
lieves in Major Rathbone's innocence
and will leave nothing undone to se-
cure a new trial for him. It was pro-
nounced untrue by Senator Hanna to-
day that he had forwarded a certified
check to Havana for \$100,000 to bail
Rathbone. Mr. Hanna is now con-
ducting negotiations with his repre-
sentatives in Havana. He considers
the bail exorbitant and is seeking to
have it reduced. Whatever the amount,
he will arrange through some financial
institution to have a bond furnished.
It is not understood here that the giv-
ing of bail will permit Rathbone to
leave Cuba, but he will have a respite
from prison until his case has been
carried to the higher courts."

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